



Controversial plan for new homes to go ahead

Minister rules local authority should decide

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CONTENTIOUS plans to build new homes on an area of public car park in Ely's Barton Road WILL go ahead – after the Government decided not to get involved.

Despite concerns about the loss of both car and coach parking spaces, the impact the development will have on Ely's conservation area – and the scale of the properties – East Cambs District Council's planning committee voted by a majority to approve the scheme earlier this month.

However, because the plans were submitted by council bosses through their Local Authority Trading Company, it was down to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, to have the

final say.

In a letter sent to senior planning officer, Andrew Phillips, on Monday, Laura Mansell, planning casework manager for the Department for Communities and Local Government, said Mr Javid was "content" to leave it to the local authority – and that he would not be calling in the scheme.

She said: "The Secretary of State has carefully considered this case against call-in policy. The Government is committed to give more power to councils and communities to make their own decisions on planning issues.

"In deciding whether to call in this application, the Secretary of State has considered his policy on calling in planning applications.

"The Secretary of State has decided, having had regard to this policy, not to call in

this application. He is content that it should be determined by the local planning authority."

The news will come as a blow to residents who have been campaigning against the plans since they were submitted in December.

More than 150 letters of objection were lodged, including from the City of Ely Council – and criticism from the district council's own conservation officers.

The decision will see six town houses and five apartments built on an area of the car park, which the council describes as "under utilised land". The council hopes to make more than £1.5m in profit from the scheme.

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CRASH: The overturned vehicle following the accident.

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Driver is badly injured in rail crossing crash

A MAN suffered serious head injuries when a train crashed into the Land Rover he was driving.

The horrific collision happened at the Nairns Level Crossing – a private crossing between Stretham and Waterbeach on the Cambridge to Ely line.

Emergency services were called to the incident at around 2.30pm on Friday and the driver of the Land Rover, a man in his 40s, was airlifted to Addenbrooke's.

In a statement on Tuesday morning, a British Transport Police (BTP) spokesman said: "The King's Lynn to London's King's Cross

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service was travelling at approximately 60-70mph when it struck the car.

"The driver of the car was taken to hospital where he was treated for serious head injuries. He currently remains in hospital where he is receiving care for non-life threatening injuries."

A Network Rail spokesman said: "This type of level crossing is typically used by fewer than 10 vehicles per day and requires users to telephone a signal box for permission to cross."

He said that there were "clear instructions" telling anyone who wanted to cross to call a signaller based in Cambridge.

None of the 115 passengers on the train are believed to have been hurt in the collision. One passenger tweeted at the time of the crash: "On train between Ely and Cambridge we just hit a car. Everyone in train is ok. Air ambulance just arrived on scene."

A joint investigation between the BTP and the Rail Accident Investigation Branch is now underway. Anyone with information is urged to call 0800 40 50 40.

FIRE

Investigation into cause of stack fire

A HUGE straw stack caught fire in Haddenham on Monday night.

Firefighters tackled more than 1,000 tonnes of stacked straw well alight on land in Sutton Road at around 9.30pm.

Crews from Sutton, Ely and Chatteris attended the scene.

A spokeswoman for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service said the blaze was "scaled down" by around 11pm and that crews allowed the stack to "burn

out under a close watch".

A farmer also assisted the crews by using farm machinery to create a fire break.

Fire chiefs were still investigating the cause when Ely News went to print.

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COLLISION

Man suffers 'life-threatening' injuries in A142 crash

A MAN suffered life-threatening injuries when he was involved in a collision on the A142.

Emergency services, including the East Anglian Air Ambulance, attended the horrific two-vehicle crash near Witcham Toll at around

1.25pm last Wednesday.

A police spokesman said the crash involved a white Kia Venga and a blue Ford Fiesta Zetec.

He said: "A man, the driver of the Kia, was taken to Addenbrooke's with life-threatening injuries.

"His passengers, a woman and a child, are believed to have received minor injuries.

"The driver and passenger of the Ford were not injured."

On Tuesday morning, a police spokesman said that the man's

condition had stabilised but that he was still receiving treatment at Addenbrooke's.

Anybody who witnessed the collision, or who has any information, should call police on 101.

CRIME

Police raid suspected drugs den

A MAN has been arrested and charged after police raided a suspected drugs den in Ely.

Officers swooped on a property in Downham Road – not far from Ely College and a number of primary schools and pre-schools – just after 8.30am on Monday.

Speaking on the Policing East Cambs Facebook page, a spokesman said: "The warrant was executed following intelligence that the premises were being used to supply and take Class A drugs.

"The occupant of the address, a male aged 45, was arrested under Section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act for allowing the premises to be used for consuming drugs. He was subsequently interviewed and charged."

Sgt Phil Priestley said: "The address has been linked to anti-social behaviour and it was deemed necessary to intervene to safeguard the community.

"We want to reassure people that issues regarding the address have been confronted and we are working with Sanctuary Housing on a long-term solution."

The man has been bailed to appear at Cambridge Magistrates' Court on August 30.

Chessi loses her locks for Macmillan

AN Ely woman has waved goodbye to her locks in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Chessi Riley, 23, took part in the charity's Brave The Shave campaign on Ely Market Place on Monday afternoon.

Family, friends and generous passers-by dug deep in return for cutting off one of Chessi's 66 braids. She then bravely had her whole head shaved by sister, Lottie Challis.

Chessi's head shave was inspired by her wife Lisa's late uncle, David Riley, who died of a rare form of sarcoma. Monday also marked Chessi and Lisa's first wedding anniversary.

Donations and a cake sale on the day – with all cakes donated by local stores – have raised over £310 so far.

Chessi's hair is also being donated to the Little Princess Trust. To donate, visit bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/chessi-riley.



BUSINESS

Arbuckles to open eatery at Ely Cineworld

POPULAR family-run restaurant Arbuckles is coming to Ely.

The restaurant, on the A10 at Downham Market, has announced on Facebook that it will be opening a new eatery on the Ely Cineworld leisure complex currently being built at Downham Road.

The post says: "We have two very exciting bits of news at Arbuckles and are giving away two £25 meal vouchers to celebrate.

"One – we are opening a new restaurant. Yes that's right, we are opening another restaurant in Ely, in the new Cineworld leisure complex currently being built.

"The new Arbuckles will be around 175 seats and will look amazing. We are due to open in February 2017. We will keep you all updated via Facebook on the progress.

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"Two – from September 5 we will be doing home delivery of our amazing takeaway menu.

"To start with, the service will be available from Monday to Friday 5-10pm and we will be delivering in a six-mile radius of the restaurant.

"This will be available for the whole of September to start with to see if there is a demand for the service, and from there we will decide if we continue the service or expand it."

Arbuckles opened in 2008 and is owned and operated by John and Maxine Murphy.

As previously reported, McDonalds, KFC, Frankie and Benny's, Hungry Horse and Costa Coffee have all

now signed leases for the £15.7 million new Cineworld development.

Main contractor R G Carter Projects started construction work on the 49,000 sq ft scheme earlier in the summer, with completion due in early 2017.

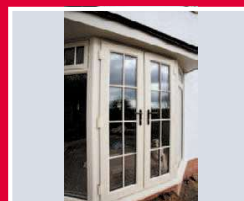
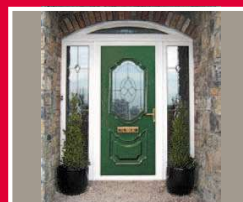
Tim Deacon, director of Turnstone Estates, the firm behind the complex, said: "We're working hard to create a successful leisure park with a great choice of restaurants to support our anchor cinema Cineworld.

"Ely Leisure Village will serve a vast catchment north of Cambridge where currently there is no leisure provision."



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PETS



REUNITED: Sid is now back at home with Saskia Baillie and her family in Cambridge.

Commuter finds lost cat on train

A CAT which astonished commuters by clambering aboard a train to Ely has finally been reunited with his owners.

Sid was handed into Companion Care Cathedral Veterinary Surgery in Ely on Friday morning after he made an appearance on the 7.23am train from Cambridge to Ely.

The cheeky moggy was discovered by Christine May-Hall, 59, from Cherry Hinton, as she travelled to work.

She said: "I was on my phone just going through stuff and I heard this miaow, and I thought 'What's that?' I was absolutely flabbergasted. I picked the cat up and luckily I've got a big handbag. I put him in it to keep him safe."

Christine kept Sid in her handbag until she arrived at Ely. She then put him in the

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care of station staff and he was taken to the vets in Ely, where staff checked to see if he was microchipped, which sadly he wasn't.

The surgery then contacted the *Ely News* for help in tracking down Sid's owners.

Pictures of the adventurous puss were published on our website and Sid's story was shared far and wide on social media.

Thankfully his owners, the Baillie family from Romsey, Cambridge, spotted him online and were able to contact Cathedral Veterinary Surgery.

It turns out Sid, a rescue cat which has been with the Baillie family for 10 years, had been missing for two weeks.

He is now back home – and the family have had him microchipped in case he goes on another adventure.

Saskia Baillie, 14, said: "You don't want to think that you're never going to see him again, but part of you does think that. I kind of always knew he had been doing something funny."

Saskia says she has been telling all her friends about Sid's moment in the media spotlight. She said: "It's really funny. Quite a lot of my friends don't believe it until I say: 'Go look up 'cat gets on train to Ely'."

The vet surgery says Sid's story highlights the need for owners to get their pets microchipped.



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HEALTH

Chance to have say on weight strategy

RESIDENTS in the Ely area are being urged to share their views on Cambridgeshire County Council's new healthy weight strategy.

The authority says the strategy comes at a time of "significant and rising costs related to unhealthy weight".

The costs of obesity include £5.1 billion to the NHS and other costs such

as social care and days of sickness amount to £27 billion.

According to the county council, around two thirds of adults in Cambridgeshire do not have a healthy weight and more than one in five people are obese.

In school children, one in five aged 4-5 are overweight or obese, rising to one in four among those aged 10-11.

Residents and local organisations are being asked their views on the strategy, which is aimed at reducing unhealthy weight among both adults and children.

A six-week consultation on the new strategy launched on Monday.

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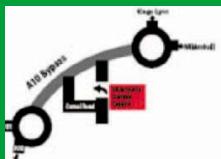
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A dash of colour

HUNDREDS of people took part in a colourful new fundraising event in Ely on Saturday.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices' (EACH) inaugural Colour Dash was held in the grounds of King's Ely.

It is the first time the unusual event has taken place in Cambridgeshire after kicking off in Ipswich three years ago.

A total of 500 people of all ages took part.

They had powdered paint thrown on them by 'paint pirates' at four different paint stations on the 5km course.

At the end of the run, a paint party saw all the remaining powdered paint thrown on them, coating them in bright colours.

Karen Newton, Cambridgeshire fundraising manager for EACH, said the charity hopes to have raised £20,000 from the colour dash.

She said: "Our first colour dash in Ely was a huge success. The weather was lovely and there was an electric atmosphere from start to finish, both from all our runners and those who came along to cheer them on."

"The paint party at the end was a particular highlight! I'd like to say a big thank you to all of our runners and to all our volunteers who helped out on the day."

"A special thanks must go to the staff from King's Ely – they were on hand throughout and so helpful."

"We hope the event will raise £20,000 in total. All the money raised will go towards the vital care services EACH provides supporting local families at a time when they need it most."

The event was supported by LG Car Sales of Littleport, which provided car seat covers for paint-covered runners travelling home.

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Readers sent me emails which strongly indicated that the Frank Gordon Duller who was born in Chatteris in 1893 and the man who won the Edward Medal in Australia are one and the same person, so is a George Cross winner.

I have written to James Carney of Chatteris Town Council about having a plaque put up in Duller's birthplace, but we both need more information on him before this can be done.

Anyone who wishes to help please email: chatteriscouncil@btconnect.com or me at vhstreet21@yahoo.com.au.

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Wonderful paramedics

MAY I through your *Letters* page say a very big thank you to the East of England Ambulance Service.

I called them on Thursday, August 4, at about 7.30pm to attend my wife. They arrived 9-10 minutes later. She was quite ill, in a lot of pain.

They duly carried out their tests, blood pressure, temperature, pulse etc, also, ECG. After a while they came up with a diagnosis. They stayed with us a while and reassured her and me that things were OK. At all times she was treated with respect and dignity, as she is a lady of some 85 years.

Before leaving they informed us to contact our GP the next day which we did, and our wonderful practice and fantastic GP Dr Clare Burrell medicated and touch wood things are going well for her.

So may I say thank you so very much once again to Clare and Scott, the paramedics for all you have done for my wife. You were truly wonderful, a credit to the East of England Ambulance Service.

And special thanks to Rosalind Franklin House, Waterbeach, and Dr Clare Burrell our lovely GP for all her understanding and kindness.

Mr & Mrs Ron & Mary Tuck
School Lane
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Rough sleepers need support

In *It Beggars Belief in City*, Mr Champion identified there are a lot of people sleeping rough in Cambridge.

According to government figures, in the first three months of 2016 homelessness rose 2% on the previous quarter, and 9% on the same quarter last year. These figures don't take into account the number of people sleeping rough, these are collected separately, between autumn



HOWDY PARTNER: Above, service user Elliott Hall, centre, with manager Susan Wiggins, right, and staff. Below, left, service user Margaret Human, centre, with Branching Out staff members Shahna Shimmin, left, and Mandy Crow. Below right, Millie, 6.



Fun day raises £900 for charity

ICE creams were devoured and a whole host of games were played at an annual family fun day.

Branching Out, the Littleport-based charity which supports local people with additional needs, held the fundraising extravaganza on Friday.

The fun day had a cowboy theme this year and the site was decorated with everything from cacti to wagon wheels. Many

revellers also dressed up in cowboy and cowgirl attire.

Susan Wiggins, the charity's general manager, said: "One of the people we support wanted to base the day on a cowboy theme and for several months all the staff and people with learning disabilities worked together as a team to organise the event."

"It was a fantastic day and between us all we raised an amazing £900 to help us to

continue our work supporting people with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire.

"We would like to thank everyone for their support." Attractions included live music from The Buskers, stalls, games, a barbecue, face painting and an appearance from Ely's Town Crier.

To find out more about Branching Out, go to branchingoutuk.com.

2014 and autumn last year there was a 31% rise in rough sleepers across England.

I wish we didn't have to rely on charities, but we do, and there are a number of charities across the UK, and in Cambridge, including CRI Street Outreach team, Jimmy's Cambridge, Wintercomfort, Centre 33, The Big Issue, Emmaus Cambridge, Invigorate and Cambridge

Salvation Army that provide much-needed support.

Rough sleepers are someone's mum, dad, brother, sister, son, daughter, etc. They are people. I struggle with the notion that we call the police to move people, we should be able to provide somewhere for those people to live. Those people are part of our society, part of Cambridge and need support, not marginalising.

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Give credit to the public

MAYBE we should look at a few subjects with ECDC in mind.

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Looney club bash raises over £1,000

THE Cambs and District Looney Club has raised more than £1,000 for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

More than 170 people attended the club's annual Out of the Asylum gathering, which was held at Littleport Leisure Centre over the weekend.

The organisation describes itself as a "party club with an interest in motorbikes, the bike scene and live music".

The club was formed in 1985 and members have been holding their Out of the Asylum party since 2006.

The bash, which features a motorcycle and trike show, live music, beer tents, a variety of stalls and fancy dress themes, raises money for charity each year and the club chose EACH this year.

Neill Magee, the club's chairman, said: "We raised £750 last year for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, and to have exceeded that amount this year is just fantastic."

"A special thanks goes out to the band, Hooker, who generously waived their £500 performance fee, which went straight into the charity pot." The event raised £1,304 in total.

To find out more about the club, visit cambsdlc.co.uk or search for them on Facebook.

COMMUNITY

Footie game in memory of Jack Ure

A FOOTBALL match is being held on Sunday in memory of local teenage crash victim Jack Ure.

Jack Ure XI will be playing Pymoor XI in the match at Pymoor Cricket and Social Club. Jack, 18, a student at Ely Sixth-Form College, was killed in a horrific three-vehicle crash at the bridge in Sandhill, Littleport, in June 2013.

Jack, who lived with his parents, Tony and Emma, and sister, Lucy, in Pymoor, had finished his final A-level exam just hours before the accident happened.

A football match has been held in Jack's memory every year since his death, also helping to raise thousands of pounds for Magpas – the emergency medical charity which was first on the scene of the accident.

Kick off on Sunday is at 1.30pm, although the bar will open at 12.30pm, and all are welcome to attend.

A statement on the event's Facebook page says: "Annual event to remember the legend himself."

"Beers and cheers before and after the game. "Come and show your support!"

Your pictures



BIRD OF PREY: John Howe sent us this photograph he took of a sparrowhawk feeding in his garden in Ely Road, Little Downham

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Firstly, the initial brains calling for the Ely bypass were members of the public and their letters to the press, at that time councillors were not even in sight and also unbelieving of people from Soham going to Ely.

Secondly, Soham railway station, was promoted, again by the public despite the hostile opposition from the local Conservative county councillor of the day.

Please, in future, give some credit to the public.

Now, let's look at ECDC again.

Firstly, let's shut the toilets in Ely and in the surrounding areas, pass the buck to town and village councils therefore diverting the toilet closure flack.

Secondly, please oh please do not tell us the same councillors who passed plans for thousands of houses in Ely and hundreds more in East Cambs are the same councillors who voted to use Barton Road car and bus parking to build house on.

When I email my friends overseas on local news items, I am sure they will wet themselves with laughter on this lot.

With the £1.7m supposedly to be made [or lost] on the project perhaps councillors should publicly issue the accounts quarterly, solely on this money so we can all see where and what it is spent on.

Ken Cranfield
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Soham

Hospital should be expanded

REGARDING the possible closure of the Ely minor injuries unit, I think my experience will be enlightening.

On March 7 I fell and broke my hip at a local garden centre. The staff phoned for an ambulance (999). Nearly one hour later the ambulance arrived. I requested that I be taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital. This was refused because there was a queue of ambulances unable to unload their patients. Hence I was taken to Hinchingbrooke Hospital (30 miles) where I was taken into the A&E corridor to await assessment.

Initially tests were carried out in the corridor. Four hours later, I was transferred to a bay where my assessment continued. Many hours later I was transferred to a ward. Several days later an operation was performed to repair my hip. I remained in Hinchingbrooke Hospital for several weeks.

In early April I was transferred to the Princess of Wales Hospital for rehabilitation. This, I presume, was due to the lack of staff able to undertake this time-consuming work. After 10 days I was discharged to home care.

I must emphasise that all the staff doctors, nurses and auxiliaries were kind and professional against a background of staff shortages.

We moved to Littleport some 19 years ago and were introduced to the POW. Local people explained that it was formerly a fully-equipped RAF hospital which gave good service to local residents and those in the surrounding village across the board.

With the continuing expansion of Ely, eg housing extending to Chetisham and building in Littleport and surrounding areas, it seems

perverse to continue the downgrading or closure of the POW when the emphasis should be to expand the service and facilities.

Name and address supplied

Please sign our march poster

ON September 19 the nations of the world will come together for a special assembly on refugees.

On September 17 Amnesty International will be one of more than 40 organisations to join individuals from all over the UK on a Welcome Refugees march in London.

I am writing to let your readers know that they can show their support and sympathy for refugees by visiting the Ely Amnesty Group's market stall on Saturday, August 20, and signing a poster to be carried on the march.

Sally MacEachern
Ely Amnesty International group

Labour just a protest party

ANYONE with a modicum of common sense knows that the demise of the Labour Party is

due to their abandonment of the British working classes in favour of a constant, uncontrolled influx of cheap labour.

Cambridge MP Daniel Zeichner's confirmation of that policy by reiterating his futile pledge to reject the EU national referendum result at the Guildhall public meeting of August 5 to rapturous applause from academic 'experts' and ubiquitous university student voters is further verification that Labour now represents society's elite and is destined to become a permanent minority protest party.

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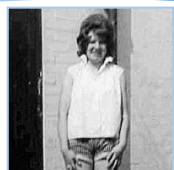
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Deaths

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Susan Joanne

of Sobam

Passed away peacefully at West Suffolk Hospital on Wednesday 3rd August 2016 aged 65 years

Cherished mum of Natalie and Kate, devoted granny to Bethany, Harvey, Brian, Sam and Oliver.

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Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 at 3.45pm

Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, for Jim Cronin Memorial Fund (Monkey World) may be left at the service or sent to

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SARGENT

Derrick Leslie Hector

Passed suddenly away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Wednesday 10th August 2016, aged 88 years.

Loving husband to Jennifer. A very special uncle and great-uncle to all his nieces and nephews, and a friend to many.

Funeral service at Wicken Methodist Chapel on Tuesday, August 23rd at 2:00pm, followed by interment at Wicken Cemetery.

Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations to G4 or IDA Wards Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge (cheques payable to ACT) may be left at the service or sent to: C. E. Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham, CB7 5BN.

THOMPSON

David

Of East Fen Common, Soham, passed away at his home on Wednesday 3rd August 2016, aged 73 years.

Beloved and devoted partner of Roger and a dear brother of Roger Morley, David will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Soham on Thursday 25th August at 11.30am. Private Cremation.

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To Rev Jenny Gage who conducted the funeral service and Alwyn and Heather Carter for their professional care.

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CHANGES: New president Phil Smith

New Rotary chief

THE new president of Ely Rotary Club is Phil Smith.

Mr Smith, who joined the club in 2008, has taken over from outgoing president John Dennick, who was also the club's president in 1987/88.

Chairman of Ely Aquafest for the last two years, Mr Smith lives in Ely with his wife, Julia, and is a retired IT consultant in investment banking.

EDUCATION

Trust to take on more schools

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HIGHFIELD School in Ely is to become part of the Active Learning Trust (ALT) empire.

The school, which is based in Downham Road and caters for children with additional needs, will be joining the trust in September – and will be called Highfield Ely.

ALT currently operates 14 schools across East Anglia, five of which are in Cambridgeshire, including the Isle of Ely Primary School. It is also going to be running the two new schools being built in Littleport.

The construction of Cambridgeshire County Council's £37.5 million new education and leisure complex in the town started in January, and once complete, it will boast an early years school, primary school, secondary school, special needs school and a new community leisure facility.

ALT announced this week that the secondary school will be called Littleport and East Cambs Academy, and that the special school will be called Highfield Littleport.

Both the secondary school and the special needs school are set to open in Littleport in September 2017.



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CRIME



INDUSTRIAL SCALE: The cannabis factory at Tree Farm in Haddenham had a yearly yield of approximately £8 million. Inset, Neil Badcock who was ordered to pay back £425,000

Cannabis 'farmer' to pay back £425k

A MAN who owns the land and barn where Cambridgeshire's largest ever cannabis factory was discovered has been ordered to pay back more than £400,000 by a court.

Neil Badcock, 48, was convicted of conspiracy to produce cannabis in October 2013 following a trial at Cambridge Crown Court and was jailed for seven years.

He was arrested following a police raid at Tree Farm, in Hill Row Causeway, Haddenham, on July 8, 2010.

Badcock has since been told by the court he will have to pay back £425,000

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of his ill-gotten gains within three months under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).

If he fails to, he will face a four-year extension of his current sentence with the payment still owed.

The court heard he had assets totalling nearly £650,000 including a farm house, bungalow, barns, machinery and the land itself at Tree Farm.

As previously reported, the cannabis factory at Tree Farm was run by

Kevin Hart, 46, of Elm Close, Huntingdon.

He was jailed for 10 years after pleading guilty to the same charge and ordered to pay back more than £1 million in criminal gains.

At the time, Tree Farm was one of the largest and most professional cannabis set ups found in the UK, with 7,655 plants in various stages of growth.

The estimated street value of the recovered plants was £1.75 million, with a yearly yield of approximately £8 million.

Hart, Badcock and six others were arrested and all charged with conspir-

acy to produce cannabis.

The ruling on Badcock brings the total criminal benefit conceded by all involved to more than £10.6 million.

Asset recover team leader Malcolm Ewles, from the Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU), said: "Badcock fought this order all the way and it is particularly pleasing that the total criminal benefit has now been conceded.

"This was an organised and professional network of criminals who were making substantial amounts of cash from their enterprise."

POLICE

Police urge drivers to be patient with farm traffic

POLICE are urging drivers to be more patient with farm vehicles on the region's roads – particularly the A142.

Officers say too many motorists are overtaking tractors and other agricultural vehicles when it is not safe to do so – putting their own and other's lives in danger.

Sgt Phil Priestley, who is based in Ely, said: "The A142 is particularly congested with seasonal demand on

agricultural traffic and high-sided vehicles.

"Drivers are asked to display an extra level of patience and care. This is part and parcel of rural life – the farming community and economy is key to the surrounding area – but it can cause frustration for drivers.

"Don't be tempted into taking a questionable overtake. Head on collisions are always the most likely to lead to fatalities."

Sgt Priestley says drivers need to be allowing extra time to get to and from their destinations.

He said: "Please factor in extra journey time – the chances are that you will spend at least a period of your route behind a slow moving vehicle at this time of year.

"If you are running late, pull over and make a phone call to advise someone, and try to take the pressure off yourself arriving quickly."

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ART IN WOOD: An exhibition will be held by the Ely Guild of Woodturners at Ely Cathedral Centre from August 20 to August 29.

Turn of woodworkers to exhibit work

WOODTURNERS from across the region are showcasing their masterpieces to the public.

The Ely Guild of Woodturners' annual Art in Wood exhibition and sale opens on Saturday (August 20).

The exhibition, now in its

11th year, will be held at the Ely Cathedral Centre, on Palace Green, until Bank Holiday Monday, August 29.

A spokesman for the guild said: "Come and see the varied things we make, chat to the turners and look at our exhibition and sale rooms.

"Our thriving club has both lady and gentleman turners of all ages, and we have free tuition for beginners."

The event is open from 10am-5pm each day and admission is free. Visit elyguildofwoodturners.org.uk to find out more.

COURT

Cabbie victim 'feels let down'

A TAXI driver who was assaulted while waiting for fares in Ely has said he feels 'disappointed and let down' over the sentence of his attacker.

Stuart Bartlett, 27, grabbed the shirt of William Noble – from family business Noble Cars in Ely – before trying to drag him from the window of the car he was waiting in, Cambridge magistrates were told.

Bartlett, of Upton Place, Littleport, pleaded guilty to assault by beating and criminal damage.

He denied the prosecution's claims that he punched the victim or grabbed him round the throat, but admitted pulling his shirt.

Magistrates handed Bartlett 80 hours' unpaid work and ordered him to pay Mr Noble £65 in compensation and £170 court costs.

Paul Brown, prosecuting, said: "At 2am on Saturday, June 4 this year the victim was parked in a taxi rank waiting for fares when the

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defendant came shouting and running across the road from the Balti King on Market Street.

"Mr Noble said he was then punched in the face by Bartlett.

"He had known the defendant for three years and said he had on-going issues with him due to him not paying a number of taxi fares. He said he no longer lets him in his cabs because of this."

Bartlett had to be pulled back from the taxi twice by friends before he was restrained by a police officer, the court heard.

He pulled Mr Noble's shirt so hard that the hem and buttons ripped – resulting in the criminal damage charge.

In a victim impact statement Mr Noble said he was left shocked because there was no reason for Bartlett to act in a "violent and aggres-

sive" manner.

He added: "All I was doing was sitting in my taxi cab; I didn't move from my driver's seat the whole time."

Christina Metcalfe, mitigating, said Bartlett had kept out of trouble since 2010 but accepted he had lost control on this occasion.

She added: "The two men fell out over the defendant's ex-partner who works in Ely."

"He discovered the victim had been informing his ex-partner when and who he was out with."

Speaking to the *Ely News* after the sentencing, Mr Noble said he felt "disappointed and let down over the lenient sentence".

He said he never knew the case went to court and he hopes to give his £65 compensation to the East Anglian Air Ambulance charity.



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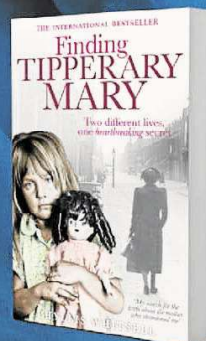


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"We should be seeing children regularly and we urge parents to make appointments."

President enjoys tour of manor gardens



ANGLIA in Bloom president Brian Thornton visited Soham recently.

He enjoyed a tour around the stunning gardens of Netherhall Manor, which is owned by Timothy Clark, before they were opened to the public on August 7 and 14 as part of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) Open Gardens.

Anglia in Bloom judge Nigel Bloxham also attended.

FUNDRAISING

Ironman friends raise over £3,000 for hospice



INTREPID: Sam Hatch, left, and Chris Fulford took on the Cotswold Ironman to not only put their stamina to the test, but also raise money for the Ellenor Hospice.

TWO friends have raised thousands of pounds for a hospice by completing a gruelling Ironman challenge.

Sam Hatch, from Ely, and Chris Fulford, from Shippea Hill, have recently completed the Cotswold Ironman – which involves a 3.8km swim, 180km cycle ride and a marathon-length run.

The intrepid duo, both members of Ely Tri Club, completed the challenge in 12 hours and 27 minutes – and have raised more than £3,000 for the Ellenor Hospice in Gravesend – a cause close to Sam's heart.

Sam's mum, Beryl Hatch, died of a brain tumour in November last year and was cared for by the hospice during her final days.

Sam said: "The Ellenor Hospice cared for mum and our whole family so well, and helped her pass away with such dignity. For that I am so grateful."

"In 2010, I somehow found myself competing in my first triathlon, having vowed never to do one. Five years and about 20 triathlons later, eventually having pretty much sorted out my complicated nutritional needs, I

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was going to go out on a high and hang up my tri-suit for good.

"Except a good friend said an Ironman distance would be a good challenge. Mum was always one for big challenges having competed in numerous marathons, ultramarathons and long distance cycle trips."

"I decided to challenge myself one last time by competing in an event double the distances of swim/bike/run of anything I have ever done before. I also did it for mum and to fundraise for the people who helped her in her last days."

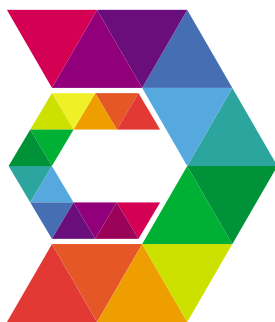
Speaking about why he decided to join Sam, Chris said: "Sam has supported me through many races and has been there for me when I've needed that all important encouragement and kick up the rear to get to the end."

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■ Children's storyline session at Burrows Bookshop on Saturday at 11am. Cost is £2. Call (01353) 669759.

■ The Ely branch of the Royal British Legion's next meeting is at the Town House pub on Monday, August 22 at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

■ Kwik cricket and rounders for children at the Paradise Centre on Monday, August 22. Running from 9.30-11.30am, it is suitable for children aged 7-11. On Tuesday, August 23 there is then a gym tots session from 10am-1pm for children aged 2-5, followed by tots football on Wednesday, August 24 from 9.30-10.30am for children aged 4-6. On Thursday, August 25 there is badminton and squash from 12.30-2.30pm, suitable for ages 7-11. Call (01353) 667580.

■ Print making summer holiday activity at Youth Ely Hub on Tuesday, August 23 from 8.30am-6pm. Suitable for ages 8+. Call 07771 664961.

■ Garden lanterns children's workshop at the Stained Glass Museum on Wednesday, August 24 from 2-4pm. Suitable for ages 4+. Cost is £2. Call (01353) 660347.

■ Children's craft morning at Ely Museum on Thursday, August 25 from 11am-12.30pm. Suitable for ages 5-11 and tickets are £3. Call (01353) 666655.

■ Peter Pan Kids Week summer school at Octagon Studios Performing Arts Centre from August 22-26. Daily from 11am-2.30pm. Suitable for ages 4-7. Call (01353) 661919.

■ Premier Performing Arts summer camp and Premier Sport football and multi-sport summer holiday camp at Spring Meadow Infant School from August 24-26. Daily from 9am-3.15pm. Suitable for ages 4-12. Call (01953) 499040.

Haddenham

■ Garage sale in the village on Sunday from 10am-4pm. Maps available from the social club. Over 30 garages, as well as stalls.

Littleport

■ Inflatables fun day at the leisure centre on Thursday from 10am-2pm. £5 per wristband for unlimited play. On Friday there is rounders for children from 2-4pm, on Monday, August 22 there is soft play from 10am-2pm and on Tuesday, August 23 there is archery from 10am-noon. Call (01353) 860600.

■ Charity coffee morning at the children's centre on Tuesday,

August 23 from 9.30am-1pm.

■ Littleport Timebank litter-pick on Wednesday, August 24. Meet at St George's Medical Centre at 10am. All welcome.

Prickwillow

■ Nostalgia Day at Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum on Sunday from 11am-4.30pm. Classic cars, tractors, stationary engines and more. Admission £5 for adults, £4 for concessions and £2 for children. Call (01353) 688360.

■ A charity bingo night at the Hiam Sports and Social Club on July 30 raised £583 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Soham

■ Carnival Week summer holiday fun at South Angle Farm Park from August 22-26. Open every day from 10am-4pm. Call (01353) 720932.

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■ Premier Sport's football and multi-sport summer holiday camp at Stretham Primary School from August 22-23. Daily from 9am-3.15pm. Suitable for ages 4-12. Call (01953) 499040.



SUPPORTIVE: Volunteers at Little Miracles Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket have received a surprise £500 donation from Hilton Cambridge City Centre just months after forming a partnership

Surprise donation for charity

LITTLE Miracles Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket has been given a surprise £500 boost.

The charity, which is based at the Ely Community Centre and supports local children with additional needs, was chosen as Hilton Cambridge City Centre's

charity partner in April.

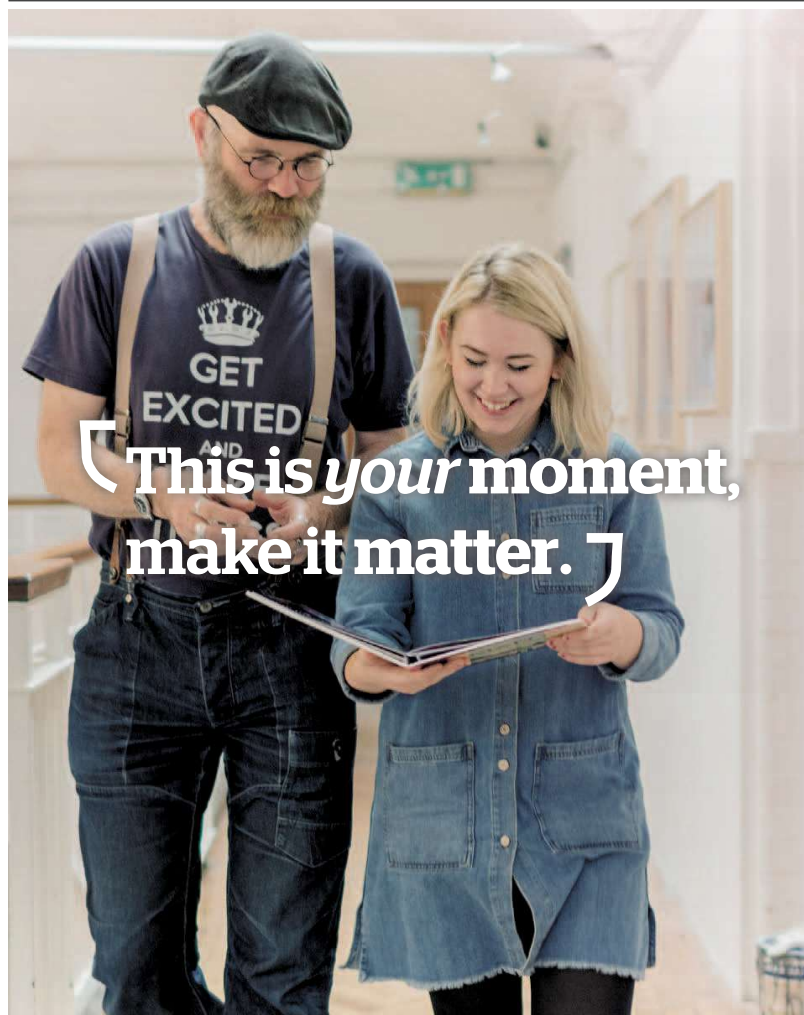
The charity was given the surprise £500 donation towards its sensory garden project.

Justin Heron, operations manager for the charity, said: "The partnership with the hotel means the world to us."

"Their passion for the work that goes on in the

community is very evident and we are very excited about the coming months with the projects that we are developing – and the difference they can make."

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Charity takes on apprentices

TWO students are learning new skills after joining local charity Branching Out as apprentice support workers.

The Littleport-based charity, which supports local adults with additional needs, has welcomed Shahna Shimmin and Kelsey Linney to the team.

Shahna and Kelsey are both working towards their Health and Social Care Level 2 qualification with the College of West Anglia.

In addition, while working at Branching Out, they will complete the care certificate and various other training to qualify them to support people with a care and/or support need.

Susan Wiggins, general manager of Branching Out, said: "Both Shahna and Kelsey had to undergo an interview process to be awarded their appren-

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ticeships.

"They have had a very busy first week starting their care certificate, starting work on their Health and Social Care Level 2, getting work uniform, and becoming more familiar with Branching Out.

"We are really enjoying passing on our skills and knowledge to the next generation and getting to know them."

Branching Out supports its users in a variety of fun work experience and social activities, enabling them to physically help out in the local community.

Kelsey said: "With the apprenticeship you are treated like an adult. It's a much better environment to learn in and everyone is lovely here."

Shahna added: "It's

hard work going through all the paperwork, getting to know everyone, working on the care certificate and doing college work all at the same time, but it's fun and it's nice being here."

Anne Hamilton, from the College of West Anglia, is urging more businesses and charities to offer apprenticeships.

She said: "It's fantastic that we have been able to place these students in their new roles at Branching Out."

"Apprenticeships offer a great alternative way to gain qualifications, whilst earning as you learn."

"I wish the girls every success in their apprenticeships and we are looking forward to supporting them at the start of their careers."



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FUN ACTIVITIES: children have enjoyed a Jurassic playtime, football and gymnastics

Children go wild for summer fun

A NUMBER of activities at Ely's Paradise Sports Centre is helping to keep children occupied.

The Newnham Street centre has a full programme this summer.

Activities so far have

included a Jurassic playtime, football and gymnastics for tots and a three-day football camp.

Upcoming activities include kwik cricket and rounders for those aged 7-11 on August 22 from

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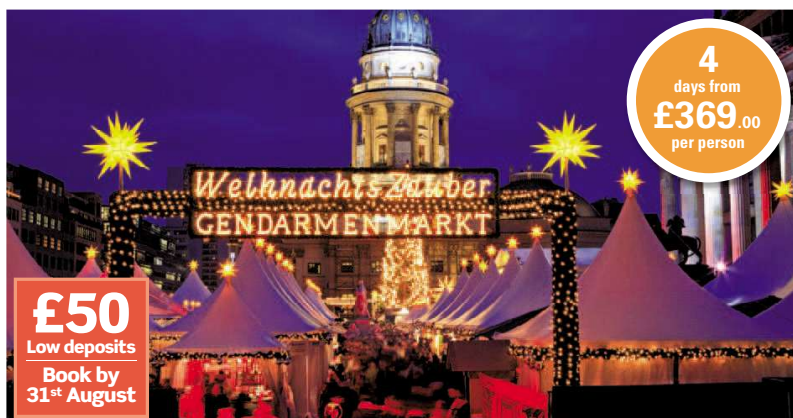
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Let dogs lead the way



FEEL guilty that you're pooch is stuck at home while you're sweating it out in the gym? Here's your answer – Bark Run.

Leading dog trainer and behaviourist, Sian Ryan, and fitness instructor and England Athletics running coach, Michelle Bird, are joining forces to launch what they say is Cambridgeshire's first human and dog fitness class.

The course is launching next month at Developing Dogs, which Sian runs in Wilburton. Sian said: "Working at your own pace you will learn the basics of arm drive, breathing, foot placement and techniques to build your fitness and stamina, while you'll also learn with your dog so you can work together as a team while you're running."

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"I will train you and your dog, while Michelle focuses on your running and movement. Dogs will work on proprioception (body awareness), fitness, conditioning and behaviours to make you both a great team if you go running together."

Sian and Michelle say the seven-week course, which starts on September 13 and will be held on Tuesdays at 6.30pm and 7.45pm, should appeal to a lot of different dog owners.

The cost is £90 for each dog and human pair. To find out more, call (01353) 649571 or visit developingdogs.co.uk

TALE OF FUN: Michelle Bird in action with Cooper and above right, with Sian Ryan and Buzz.
Pictures: Richard Petterson

NEWS IN BRIEF

Appeal over house plan

A PLANNING appeal has been launched after proposals to build a new property in Ely were refused.

It was in March that Mr G Harvey applied to build a three-bedroom house on land adjacent to 30 and 32 in Roswell View. East Cambs District Council refused the proposals and Mr Harvey is now appealing against that decision.

People have until September 6 to have their say by visiting acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Charity day raises more than £1,000



TWO sisters have raised £1,025 for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

Sally and Katie Talbot raised the funds in memory of their mum, Rosemary, through a garden fete, and yoga and meditation taster day.

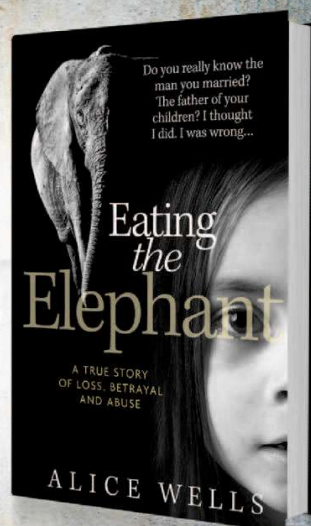
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Abellio's rail pledge

FREE Wi-Fi on all services and quicker journey times are among the pledges from the region's new rail operator.

Abellio has been confirmed as the winner of the East Anglia rail franchise.

The company promises to deliver more than 1,040 new state-of-the-art carriages and cut journey times by an average of 10 per cent.

It will also deliver one of the biggest orders for British-built trains – almost £1 billion for 660 carriages from the Bombardier factory in Derby – as part of a contract that will secure 1,000 jobs into the next decade.

Abellio will oversee this £1.4 billion investment to local rail services.

The company is promising at least four 90 minute services (two in each direction) between London and Norwich each weekday, and two 60 minute services per day between London and Ipswich.

It is also promising free Wi-Fi for all passengers and 32,000 more seats on services arriving at London Liverpool Street during morning peak times.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling said: "We are making the biggest investment in the railways since the Victorian era. By awarding this franchise to Abellio East Anglia we will improve journeys for people in East Anglia."

"This is part of our plan to make an economy that works for everyone – not just the privileged few – by ensuring prosperity is spread throughout the country."

Dominic Booth, managing director of Abellio UK, said: "Our plans will greatly improve our customers' experience with faster and more reliable journeys on new trains with higher frequencies and reduced journey times, to support the socio-economic well-being of East Anglia, one of the country's fastest growing areas."



LOYAL: Dennis Squirrell has worked on the railway for 50 years this August.

Dennis steams through half a century

A GRANDFATHER from Ely is celebrating half a century working on the railway.

Dennis Squirrell joined the industry in August 1966, when he was just 15 years old, working for British Rail as a trainee crossing keeper at Ely north level crossing.

His time in this role was spread across several local crossings including Kiln Lane and Queen Adelaide, before a change in regional railways management saw him move from Cambridge carriage sidings to join the presentation team, which is responsible for cleaning the carriages.

After 14 years, he joined the team at Ely as a station cleaner and customer service assistant, before moving to train dispatch in 2013, where he has been ever since.

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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4-2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ☐ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ☐ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ☐ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ☐ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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- ☐ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
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1 WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ☐ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?

- ☐ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ☐ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ☐ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2-1 DAYS TO GO:

- ☐ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ☐ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ☐ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ☐ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ☐ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ☐ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ☐ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ☐ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ☐ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ☐ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ☐ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ☐ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ☐ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

Cover property

Longfields: £380,000

THIS modern, linked, five bedroom family home in Longfields is on the market for £380,000.

It has spacious accommodation including a kitchen/diner, a utility room, a lounge and a downstairs cloakroom.

Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en suite, a family bathroom and four more bedrooms.

Outside there is an enclosed rear garden with lawn and decking, and a gravelled area to the front of the property with off-road parking, as well as an integral garage.

Viewing can be arranged by telephoning William H Brown on (01353) 663311



Feature homes

Soham: £310,000



THIS three bedroom link-detached house in Celandine View, Soham, is on the market with a guide price of £310,000.

It has accommodation including a hallway, a downstairs cloakroom, a kitchen/diner with French doors to the garden and a living room. On the first floor there is a family

bathroom, a master bedroom with en suite and two more bedrooms. Outside there is a garage, a small front garden, a shared gravelled driveway and an enclosed rear garden with lawn and side seating area.

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Forehill: £1,300pcm

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Soham: £164,995



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Ely £390,000



- LAST ONE AVAILABLE ON THIS PHASE
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Witchford £89,950



- Outline Planning Permission
- Ref: 15/00990/OUT
- Proposed detached dwelling, parking, access and associated site works

Ely £210,000



- Modern mid terrace house
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Enclosed rear garden
- EPC D

Witchford £249,950



- A modern end terrace home
- 3 Bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- 'L' shaped Lounge/ Diner
- Spacious conservatory
- Garage and parking
- Rear garden
- EPC tba

Sutton Guide Price £275,000



- Brand new Detached house
- 1 of only 3 properties
- Fitted kitchen diner
- Utility
- Lounge
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite & family b/room
- Predicted EPC B

Little Thetford £330,000



- A modern and non-estate detached home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge with bay window
- Enclosed and private rear garden
- Driveway parking and garage
- EPC band D

Littleport Guide Price £475,000



- Individual residence
- Sitting on 0.85 acre plot
- High spec kitchen b'fast room
- Lounge & dining room
- 4 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- Underfloor heating to g/floor
- Predicted EPC Rating B

Ely £270,000 O.I.E.O



- Modern end terrace
- Popular development on western edge
- 3 bed
- Kitchen/diner
- En-suite to master
- Allocated parking
- EPC C

Ely £160,000



- Purpose built apartment
- Centrally located
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- No onward chain
- EPC Rating B

Sutton £385,000



- Detached Established Family Home
- Non estate location
- 4 Bedrooms
- Kitchen/ Breakfast Room
- Car parking space
- Good size rear garden
- EPC band D

Wilburton £739,000



- Spacious family home
- Semi rural location
- 2 reception rooms
- Open plan kitchen, utility & dining
- 5 bedrooms
- En-suite & family bathroom
- Spacious grounds
- EPC Rating C

Sutton £400,000 O.I.R.O



- A detached period home with potential
- 4 Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Dining room
- Lounge
- Family/garden room
- EPC tba

Witchford £300,000



- Recently built semi-detached property
- Non-estate location
- Living/dining room
- 3 Bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Parking and garden
- EPC band B

Ely £314,950



- Semi detached house
- Good sized accommodation
- Modern Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- Hard landscaped rear garden
- Parking and single garage
- EPC rating C

Ely £279,950



- Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Dine
- 4 Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Double Garage
- EPC Rating C

Mepal £495,000 O.I.R.O



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Bottisham

£650,000

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NO
CHAIN



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Burwell

£500,000

A deceptively spacious four bedroom detached bungalow in this much sought after village. The property has been sympathetically updated and extended within recent times to present a fabulous family home with versatile accommodation along with an enclosed garden and detached double garage. EPC D

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OIRO £300,000

A fabulous opportunity to purchase a modern three bedroom semi detached family home located in the centre of this thriving village. The property has been well cared for over the years and has the benefit of a modern kitchen and bathroom along with double glazing and gas central heating. EPC D.



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Moulton

£365,000

A fabulous opportunity to purchase a four bedroom detached bungalow situated in an enviable position set well back from the road with views over open countryside. The property offers versatile living accommodation along with well kept mature gardens. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate this home. EPC E

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PRICE



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Newmarket

£176,950

A fabulous opportunity to purchase a spacious two bedroom first floor maisonette close to the station and town alike. The property benefits from gas central heating, Upvc double glazing and allocated parking. Viewing is essential to fully appreciate this home. EPC Rating C



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Westley Waterless

£520,000

A preliminary announcement of a brand new four bedroom detached chalet style home nearing completion within the popular village of Westley Waterless with its beautiful open countryside. The property offers spacious and versatile accommodation and viewing is essential to appreciate the full potential this home has to offer. EPC B

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Newmarket

£165,000

A fabulous one bedroom ground floor apartment within a grand old building situated close to the town and all facilities. The property retains much of the original charm with high ceilings and large bay windows. EPC E

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One of the most unique five bedroom detached family homes we have ever come across. This well extended property offers completely versatile accommodation and viewing is essential to appreciate the full potential this home has to offer. There is a good size garden to the rear along with a double garage. NO CHAIN.



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SOHAM

£169,995

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Balsham

£900

A two bedroom modern cottage in a popular village with good access to Cambridge. The property benefits from en-suites to both bedrooms a spacious lounge/diner and kitchen. Allocated car parking space and an enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating C

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NEW



Stretham

£585,000

Superbly presented detached home in a private select cul de sac and built to a high specification. Spacious accommodation comprises entrance hall, study, dining room, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, 6 bedrooms over 2 floors (1 ensuite), family bathroom, shower room, impressive family room with balcony having far reaching countryside views, driveway, double garage, well maintained garden. EPR B.



NEW



Ely

£339,950

Superbly presented detached family home situated on a popular modern residential development. Improved throughout. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen / dining room, lounge, conservatory, 3 bedrooms (1 en suite), family bathroom together with driveway & garage, well maintained rear garden. The property benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. EPR C.



NEW



Ely

£340,000

Situated in the highly regarded Vineyards, this detached bungalow is conveniently located within a central City location within walking distance of amenities. Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, shower room, conservatory, spacious driveway and gardens boasting Cathedral views. No upward chain. EPR TBC.

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NEW



Soham

£245,000

A superbly presented 3 storey townhouse on a highly regarded modern development within easy walking distance of The Shade primary school and town amenities. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 double bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, gardens driveway and garage. The property benefits from gas central heating & double glazing. EPR B.



NEW HOME



Stretham

£479,000

Situated on a highly desirable new development on the edge of Stretham, the Belmont comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, kitchen/dining room, utility, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, garden and garage.



NEW



Ely

£450,000

Superbly appointed energy efficient home has been constructed to a high specification to include structural insulated panels (SIPS) and a MVHR (Mechanical Ventilation and Heat Recovery System). Ground floor hall, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, sitting room, 3 first floor bedrooms & bathroom, second floor master bedroom with ensuite. There will be off road parking and an enclosed garden



NEW PRICE



Haddenham

£529,950

A substantial family home which has been cleverly extended to provide extensive living accommodation with a wealth of character and situated in a superb plot of approximately 0.8 of an acre (STS) including a paddock and benefitting from delightful country views. Situated close to the centre of the village. EPR G.



NEW PRICE



Haddenham

£698,000

A spacious and most impressive detached family home with grounds extending to approximately 5 acres (STS), backing onto farmland with far reaching country views. The property also has a modern detached barn offering a variety of uses. Viewing of the property is recommended to fully appreciate the setting. EPR TBC.



Ely



£599,950

Situated in a central City location, this recently renovated detached home has accommodation that comprises entrance hall, sitting room, separate dining room, study, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, ground floor bedroom, 3 1st floor bedrooms (1 with ensuite), bathroom, 2nd floor family room/bedroom 5, fully enclosed courtyard garden and roof terrace. EPR D.

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Ely **£150,000**

Rare opportunity to purchase an individual building plot convenient for the City Centre and schools with planning permission for a detached 3 bedroom dwelling of 1,344 square feet and single garage. Once built the property will consist of entrance hall opening into kitchen/dining room, W.C., study, lounge, 3 first floor bedrooms with 1 ensuite and bathroom.



Little Downham **£192,000**

A well presented 2 bedroom linked house forming part of a well regarded development in this sought after village. The accommodation includes cloakroom, sitting/dining room, a modern kitchen and 2 double bedrooms. The property also includes a double length car port and south facing rear garden. NO CHAIN. EPR D.



Witcam **£205,000**

A detached house in need of modernisation and updating but offering enormous potential to the buyer. Accommodation comprises kitchen, lounge, separate dining room, bathroom and 2 bedrooms, together with gardens, yard, storage barn/workshop and open fronted barn. EPR E.



Sutton **£239,950**

A well presented and spacious corner terraced home comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, modern kitchen/dining room, spacious lounge, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite) and bathroom together with south facing rear garden and garage with larger than average parking area and additional piece of garden. Viewing is highly recommended.



Ely **£239,950**

A stylishly extended, immaculately presented modern home within a highly regarded location. Entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge opening into dining room, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, slightly larger than average sized rear garden, parking and garage. Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing. EPR D.



Ely **£265,000**

A modern terraced home situated within a highly regarded location and offered for sale with no upward chain. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens, garage and parking. EPR C.



Chettisham **£295,000**

Character semi detached cottage set in the popular hamlet of Chettisham just outside of Ely. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, open plan kitchen / dining room, sitting room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom together with spacious driveway, front and rear gardens and countryside views. Viewing is highly recommended. EPR E.



Wicken **£455,000**

A substantial detached home in the centre of this highly regarded village overlooking paddocks to the rear. Hall, cloakroom, 3 receptions, kitchen, utility, 5 double bedrooms (master with dressing area and ensuite), bathroom, gardens, driveway and double garage. Situated close to the popular Wicken Fen nature reserve. No upward chain. EPR C.



Ely **£455,000**

A superbly presented detached family home situated on a highly regarded development. Spacious accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, study, 4 beds (1 with ensuite), bathroom, with well maintained garden, double garage, gas central heating, double glazing. EPR D.

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Ely £575 pcm
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Witchford £585 pcm
Modern one double bedroom terraced house with allocated parking. EPC rating D.



Littleport £650 pcm
Two bed mid terrace house with an enclosed garden and two parking spaces. EPC: C.



Prickwillow £700 pcm
Semi detached three bedroom house with enclosed rear garden. Pets considered. EPC rating F.



Stretham £900 pcm
Semi detached three bedroom house with an enclosed garden and off road parking. EPC E.



Ely £1,300 pcm
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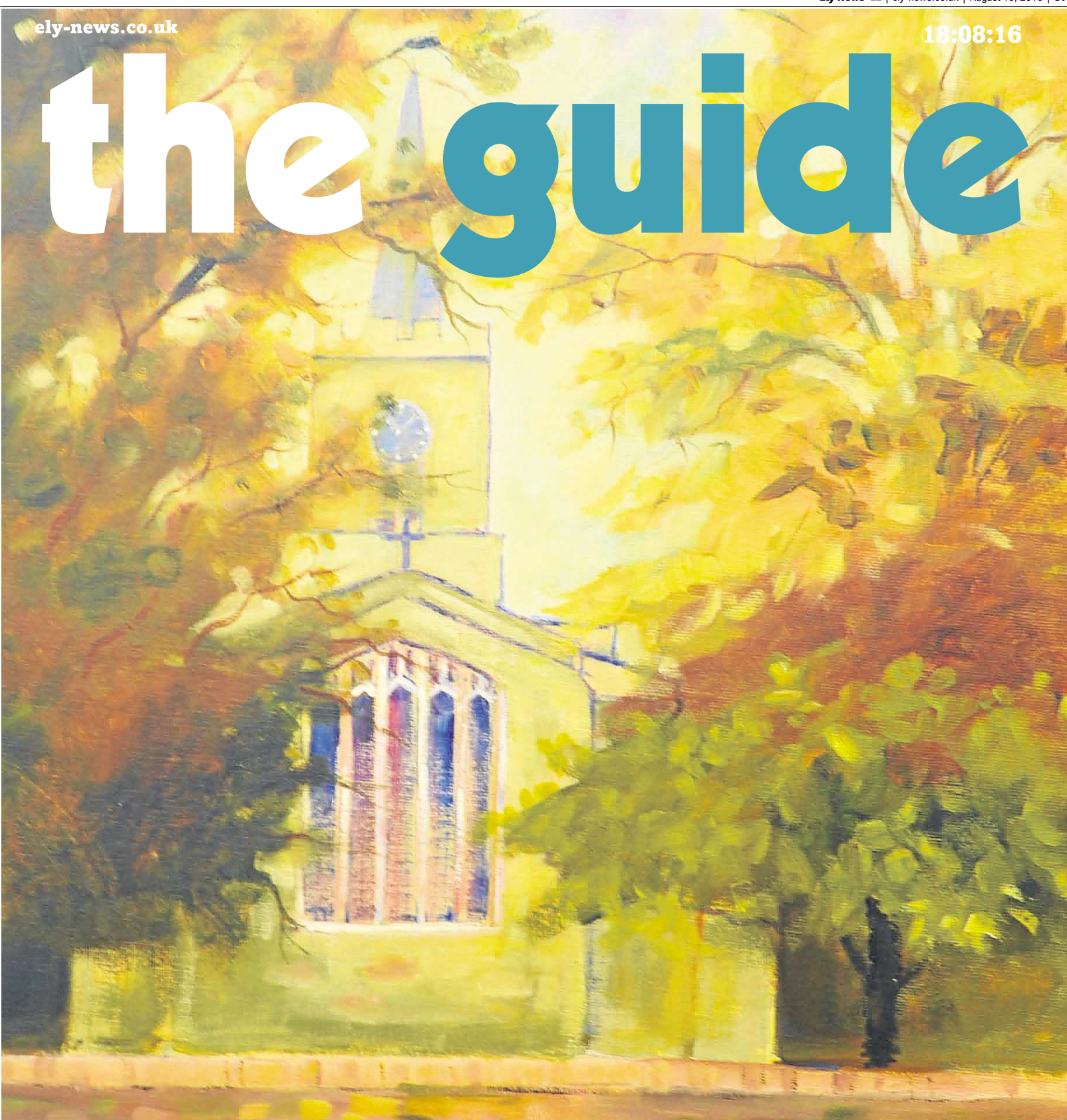
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Exhibition framed on art

ARTISTS are showcasing their masterpieces to the public in Ely. Ely Art Society's annual exhibition has opened – and is running until Sunday, August 21. Visitors can view and purchase a variety of beautiful

paintings and prints, as well as sculptures and greeting cards. The exhibition is at Ely's Hayward Theatre, in The Gallery – which is just a stone's throw from the cathedral – and it is open every day from 10am-4pm. The event is stewarded by society members who are more

than happy to chat about their work.

The society is made up of more than 130 members of varying abilities.

Admission to the exhibition is free.

To find out more about the society, visit elyartsociety.com.

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ROUND UP

● *THE Secret Life of Pets* (PG) is coming to Ely's Maltings on Friday, August 19. The picnic screening is at 3pm. In the evening there is then a cabaret style screening of *Absolutely Fabulous* (15) at 7.30pm. For tickets, call (01353) 662633, pop into Burrows Bookshop in Ely, or visit babylonarts.org.uk.

SOHAM'S annual charity beer and music festival is on Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20. The festival is on the recreation ground from 5pm-10.30pm on Friday and 1pm-10.30pm on Saturday. Expect live music from Black Rose, Blue Bloods, The Lost Hobos, Akimbo and Summerland, to name just a few. Search for the festival on Facebook.

THE Record Machine are hosting a line dance disco at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Friday, August 19. On Saturday, August 20 Philip Randles is hosting a ballroom and sequence dance. Doors open at 7pm for both events. Call (01353) 688269.

KAREN & Co. are performing in Ely's Jubilee Gardens on Saturday, August 20. The free concert is from 2-4pm.

SUPERSONIC Soul Band are gigging at the King's Arms in Ely on Friday, August 26. It kicks off at 9pm. Call (01353) 656828.

FREDDIE Hall and The Roadrunners are performing at Ely's Minster Tavern on Friday, August 26. The fun starts at 9pm. Call (01353) 668492.

A BEER festival is being held at The Ship in Soham on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28. Expect live music, ales, games and food. Free entry. Call (01353) 720319.

LITERATURE

It's about to get Hairy



The Hairy Bikers at Ely Cathedral on September 6 as part of Toppings' Ely Autumn Literary Festival. Visit toppingbooks.co.uk.

TELEVISION legends the Hairy Bikers are returning to Ely next month.

The famous duo – Si King and Dave Myers – will be at Ely Cathedral on Tuesday, September 6.

Their talk is being held as part of Topping and Company Booksellers' ever-popular Ely Autumn Literary Festival.

A spokeswoman for Toppings said: "When the Hairy Bikers arrived last year for a fleeting afternoon visit, we all wished it could have been for longer – and now our wish has been granted!"

"Si King and Dave Myers are back, this time in the glorious setting of Ely Cathedral, to celebrate another heart-warming and down-to-earth cookery book, perfect for all the family.

"Si and Dave need no introduction; their unique blend of delicious recipes, cheeky humour and motorbike enthusiasm has been entertaining Britain for years now – The Hairy Biker's Chicken and Egg is the duo at their very best!"

Their talk is at 7.30pm. Upcoming festival highlights include Andrew Taylor on September 5, Anne Sebba on September 8 and Midge Gillies on September 15.

For tickets or more info, pop into Toppings in Ely High Street or visit toppingbooks.co.uk.

MUSIC

Feast of recitals and concerts coming up at Ely Cathedral

THERE are plenty of concerts and organ recitals to look forward to at Ely Cathedral.

On Sunday, August 21, organist Sarah Macdonald is performing.

Her recital is at 5.15pm and expect Buxtehude – *Praeludium in C BuxWV 137*, Whitlock – *Fantasy Chorale No 2 in F Sharp Minor*, and J.S. Bach – *Prelude and Fugue in D major BWV 532*.

Usual cathedral admission prices apply.

On Wednesday, August 24, Stephen Armstrong and Friends are hosting a lunchtime piano recital at 1.10pm.

Again, usual cathedral admission prices apply.

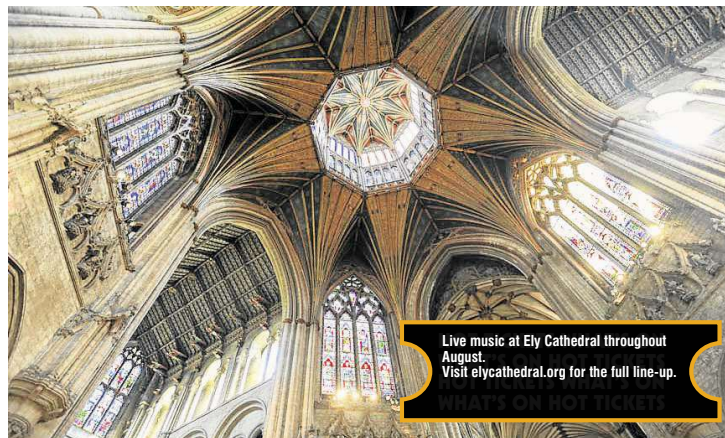
Also on August 24, the Cambridge American Stage Tour are bringing their production of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* to the cathedral.

The performance is at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for adults, or £8 for children.

On Sunday, August 28, organist Marco Lo Muscio is hosting a recital.

It starts at 5.10pm and expect White – *Fantasy IV*, Lo Muscio – *Canzona from Homage to Orvieto*, Carson Cooman – *Fantasia on Greensleeves*, and more.

Usual cathedral admission prices apply. Call (01353) 660349 or visit elycathedral.org to find out more.



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MIKE AND DAVE NEED WEDDING DATES (15)

JEANIE Stangle (Sugar Lyn Beard) is concerned that her impending nuptials to sweetheart Eric (Sam Richardson) will be ruined by the drunken antics of her knucklehead brothers, Mike (Adam DeVine) and Dave (Zac Efron). So their parents (Stephen Root, Stephanie Faracy) insist the boys attend the wedding in Hawaii with respectable girls on their arms.

Mike and Dave advertise for dates and their plea leads to an awkward television appearance on *The Wendy Williams Show*. Party girls Tatiana (Aubrey Plaza) and Alice (Anna Kendrick) see the appeal and put on their best airs and graces to impress the Stangles. Mike and Dave are fooled by the ruse and Tatiana and Alice are whisked away to paradise for Jeanie's big day, where the girls gradually reveal their true selves. Meanwhile, Mike's attempts to woo Tatiana are thwarted by rival overtures from his bisexual cousin, Terry (Alice Wetterlund).

Mike And Dave Need Wedding Dates delights in the misfortunes of the eponymous brothers, and Efron and DeVine gleefully humiliate themselves for cheap giggles. ★★★

NERVE (15)

HIGH school student Venus "Vee" Delmonico (Emma Roberts) is preparing to turn down her place at California Institute of the Arts because it would upset her mother Nancy (Juliette Lewis).

Vee's reluctance to stand up for herself infuriates best friend Sydney (Emily Meade), who is an avid participant of Nerve. She goads Vee into signing up as a player. For her first dare, Vee is told to kiss a stranger for five seconds and she puckers up with a handsome diner customer called Ian (Dave Franco).

To the chagrin of pal Tommy (Miles Heizer), who has an unrequited crush on Vee, she joins forces with Ian to undertake more lucrative and perilous dares as they slalom around the city on his motorcycle. "The second I feel uncomfortable, I'm out," Vee informs her partner.

Nerve exploits the insecurity of a generation that believes self-worth hinges on strangers clicking a Like button. ★★★

SUICIDE SQUAD (15)

IT'S good to be bad – unapologetically bad – in David Ayer's action-packed fantasy based on the anarchic DC Comics anti-heroes of the same name, which is poised to smash box office records on the other side of the Atlantic.

Scheming US government agent Amanda Waller (Viola Davis) hatches a diabolical scheme to round up some of the most dangerous incarcerated criminals in the world and use them to carry out covert missions with a limited chance of success.

Misfit members of Task Force X – or the Suicide Squad as it becomes known – will be kept in check with micro-bombs implanted in their necks. Anyone who defies authority or strays from the mission brief will be swiftly terminated.

By completing their tasks, the group members can reduce their sentences.

The squad thrives on violence and bloodshed and they rise to the challenge of unravelling a terrifying mystery centred on a possessed archaeologist called June Moone (Cara Delevingne), whose burgeoning powers threaten to reduce Gotham to rubble.

Meanwhile, battle rages on the city streets between masked vigilante Batman (Ben Affleck) and demented supervillain The Joker (Jared Leto), who conducts his reign of terror flanked by trusty henchmen Jonny Frost (Jim Parrack) and Monster T (Common). ★★★

FINDING DORY (U)

DORY (Ellen DeGeneres) is the next-shell neighbour of Marlin (Albert Brooks) and his young son, Nemo (Hayden Rolence) on the Great Barrier Reef.

During a field trip to witness the stingray migration, the loveable blue tang experiences a rush of fragmented memories of her parents Charlie (Eugene Levy) and Jenny (Diane Keaton). "I miss 'em", Dory tells Marlin, and the plucky fishes embark on an epic quest to



Bryce Dallas Howard is Grace, Wes Bentley is Jack and Oona Laurence is Natalie in *Pete's Dragon*

Film pick

PETE'S DRAGON (PG)

A LITTLE boy called Pete (Levi Alexander) is orphaned in a road accident and left to fend for himself in the forest that buffers the community of Millhaven.

The helpless and tearful child is rescued from a pack of hungry wolves by a green dragon, which the boy names Elliott after a character in his picture book.

For six years, Pete (now played by Oakes Fegley) and Elliott

grow up side-by-side beneath the forest's lush canopy until a logging operation led by lumber mill owner Jack Meacham (Wes Bentley) and his brother Gavin (Karl Urban) disturbs the peace.

Jack's wife Grace (Bryce Dallas Howard), who is a forest ranger, discovers Pete living wild and spirits him back to civilisation. The orphan bonds with her daughter Natalie (Oona Laurence) and father (Robert Redford), who claims to have seen

a dragon many years ago. However, the ranger cannot believe in the existence of mythical beasts, even when Pete draws a crayon picture of his best friend.

Pete's Dragon casts

a heady spell by combining solid, old-fashioned storytelling with dazzling visuals. ★★★

California to reunite the forgetful daughter with her loved ones.

Initially, the travellers ride strong currents with sea turtle Crush (Andrew Stanton) and his bodacious brethren, but when they eventually arrive at the Marine Life Institute, Dory is separated from her pals.

She languishes in quarantine with a grouchy sepiotopus called Hank (Ed O'Neill), who possesses remarkable powers of camouflage. Meanwhile, Marlin and Nemo abide by Dory's mantra – "Just keeping swimming" – and enlist help from wise-cracking sea lions Fluke (Idris Elba) and Rudder (Dominic West), near-sighted whale shark Destiny (Kaitlin Olson) and a beluga whale called Bailey (Ty Burrell), who has lost his echo location as the result of a concussion.

Finding Dory is the emotional and comical equal of its predecessor, dazzling the senses with stunningly realistic visuals and Thomas Newman's buoyant orchestral score. ★★★

JASON BOURNE (12A)

JASON Bourne (Matt Damon) believes he knows how the US government moulded him into a trained killer as part of Operation Treadstone. He is living off the grid on the Greek-Albanian border and posing as a bare-knuckle brawler.

Far away in Iceland, former contact Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles) illegally accesses the CIA mainframe to download confidential files about Bourne's former life as David Webb. She discovers a shocking secret and resolves to share the data with the elusive operative.

"We've just been hacked. Could be worse than Snowden," agent Craig Jeffers (Ato Essandoh) informs his boss, CIA director Robert Dewey (Tommy Lee Jones), once the breach is detected.

Ambitious protégée Heather Lee (Alicia Vikander) plants malware that allows her to covertly track Nicky's movements. "I will deliver Parsons, the files and – if he's out there – I will give you Bourne too," Heather promises Dewey. She dispatches a hit man, codename Asset (Vincent Cassel), to neutralise the targets.

Meanwhile, Dewey locks horns with technology guru Aaron Kalloor (Riz Ahmed) about invasions of privacy which allow the US government to spy on citizens.

Jason Bourne is a deceptive slow burn for the opening half hour, but once the script lights the fuse on manifold deceptions, there's little time to breathe between plot revelations and bloodthirsty retribution. ★★★★★

THE BFG (PG)

THE heroine is a precocious orphan called Sophie (Ruby Barnhill), who is snatched from her bed at the witching hour by a hooded 24-foot tall figure.

The behemoth spirits the girl over verdant valleys and crashing seas to the rolling landscapes of Giant Country. "No such place!" Sophie defiantly informs her host, who introduces himself as the Big Friendly Giant (Mark Rylance). The BFG wouldn't normally kidnap a chidder, but he explains that he was fearful Sophie might cause a great rumpledump by yodelling the news that she had seen a giant.

A tender and deeply touching friendship is forged between Sophie and her kind-hearted abductor, who exists on a diet of disgusting snoozcumbers and is bullied by filthsome fellow giants including Fleshlumpeater (Jemaine Clement), Bloodbottler (Bill Hader), Maidmasher (Olafur Darri Olafsson) and Manhugger (Adam Godley).

In order to rid Giant Country of these man-gobblers, Sophie hatches a harebrained scheme to visit The Queen (Penelope Wilton) at Buckingham Palace. The BFG joins her on this madcap quest, and his presence smacks the gobs of the assembled staff including the Queen's dutiful maid Mary (Rebecca Hall) and head butler Mr Tibbs (Rafe Spall).

Directed with verve by Steven Spielberg, *The BFG* is a visually arresting ride that gently tugs heartstrings in between rollicking set pieces. ★★★★★

STAR TREK BEYOND (12A)

CAPTAIN James T Kirk (Chris Pine) is considering relinquishing the bridge

because "things have started to feel a little... episodic".

He keeps his plans secret from the rest of the crew including human-Vulcan science officer Spock (Zachary Quinto), communications officer Uhura

(Zoe Saldana), navigator Pavel Chekov (Anton Yelchin), chief engineer Montgomery Scott (Simon Pegg) and helmsman Sulu (John Cho).

During a visit to a Federation starbase under the control of Commodore Paris (Shohreh Aghdashloo), an alien called Kalara (Lydia Wilson) issues a distress call to help recover her ship, which has crash-landed on a planet in a distant nebula. Kirk and the team respond and subsequently come under attack from an otherworldly despot called Krall (Idris Elba) and his swarming drones.

While the Enterprise crew forges an alliance with feisty alien warrior Jaylah (Sofia Boutella), Kirk holds firm to his moral compass, defiantly informing Krall that it's "better to die saving lives than to live taking them".

Star Trek Beyond dodges the curse of misfiring odd-numbered films in the series, but the flaws are obvious. Pine, Quinto and co are solid in roles that lack dramatic meat and don't progress the characters over two hours, and a flimsy, contrived plot resolves potential conflict with minimum blood, sweat and tears. ★★★

ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE (U)

THE film opens with Sorat inadvertently propelling a giant space rock towards the third rock from the sun. Back on terra firma, Manny the woolly mammoth (Ray Romano) has forgotten about his wedding anniversary and pretends fireworks in the sky – actually meteorite chunks entering the atmosphere – are a surprise for his wife Ellie (Queen Latifah).

Wonderment turns to terror as molten

missiles career into the earth. "Manny's love is killing us!" screams one of the critters as everyone gallop into caves, cowering together for shelter.

Once the deluge subsides, Manny and his pals Diego the sabre-toothed tiger (Denis Leary) and Sid the sloth (John Leguizamo) emerge to survey the devastation.

One-eyed daredevil weasel Buck (Simon Pegg) discovers ancient runes that confirm a giant meteorite is heading for the planet. The animals, including Diego's tigress sweetheart Shira (Jennifer Lopez), Sid's 80-year-old grandmother (Wanda Sykes), Manny's spunky daughter Peaches (Keke Palmer) and her laidback boyfriend Julian (Adam DeVine), embark on a madcap quest to avert disaster.

Meanwhile, a family of carnivorous flying dinosaurs, comprising father Gavin (Nick Offerman) and children Gertie (Stephanie Beatriz) and Roger (Max Greenfield), tracks the exodus from the air.

Ice Age: Collision Course relies on old tensions between friends and family members to provide the fifth film with a burp of dramatic momentum that quickly dissipates. ★★

GHOSTBUSTERS (12A)

ERIN Gilbert (Kristen Wiig) hopes to secure tenure at Columbia University, but her academic future is thrown into disarray when childhood friend Abby Yates (Melissa McCarthy) peddles copies of their long-forgotten 400-page tome, *Ghosts From The Past: Both Literally & Figuratively*.

The two women are reunited in the lab where Erin conducts experiments with her madcap protégée, nuclear engineer Jillian Holtzmann (Kate McKinnon). A haunting at Aldridge Mansion gives

the trio their first glimpse of the fight ahead, and soon after, bally subway worker Patty Tolan (Leslie Jones) joins the team, blessed with an encyclopaedic knowledge of Manhattan's grim history.

It transpires that a demented misfit called Rowan North (Neil Casey) is summoning ghosts to create a vortex between the living and the dead. Armed with proton backpacks, the gang gallantly races into the fray, risking ridicule from the media and Mayor Bradley (Andy Garcia).

When disaster looms, Erin pleads with Bradley to evacuate the city. *Ghostbusters* affectionately harks back to the series' glory days before the creative misstep of the 1989 sequel. McCarthy and Wiig rekindle their *Bridemaid* on-screen chemistry, with colourful turns from McKinnon and Jones, and merciless self-mockery from Hemsworth. ★★★★★

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All the tea in china...

The British appetite for afternoon tea shows no sign of being sated. Lisa Millard meets Tonie Waller, the brains behind china hire service My Pretty Tea Party to talk tea, cake and the enduring appeal of vintage.

NOSTALGIA is part of the charm of My Pretty Tea Party, the vintage china-hire company. "I recently provided centre stands for an afternoon tea party at Quy Mill's Cambridge Roar. Quite a few of the ladies there told me they remember drinking from tea sets like mine," says Tonie Waller, who bought the splendid-looking business earlier this year.

As well as supplying cake stands, cups and saucers, tea pots, luncheon, tea and dinner plates, all taking pride of place on the well-dressed tables at the chi-chi hotel, Tonie created centrepieces styled with upside-down top hats, teapots and playing cards. "My china was used at a tea party to celebrate the Queen's birthday at an old people's home and it reminded so many of them of being young and drinking tea from their mother's china cups."

Tonie's Burwell home is now HQ to My Pretty Tea Party and the spare room – "it was meant to be a very pretty spare room, but is now full of china" – is neatly laid with the delicate crockery and props that are the tools of Tonie's trade (she has about 400 cups and saucers and 60 cake stands, at last count).

"I sometimes come and sit in this room because it's just so lovely. I have always been creative and really enjoy putting the sets together to look pretty and creating scenes for the Facebook page – there's much more to this than just sending out boxes of china cups in bubble wrap."

One client, Homerton College in Cambridge, ordered so many cake stands for its graduation ceremony tea that Tonie and her partner Jamie had to make more

of them. "I am always on the lookout for items to replenish my stock and bought a bundle from a selling page recently that was individually wrapped in pages of a magazine called *The Home Companion* that was published in 1939. I had a lovely time unwrapping the pieces and reading all the articles – I don't think anyone had even touched the china since then."

Tonie, who has two young children, bought the business to combine it with her other job cooking at a children's nursery.

"I thought it would be fun and work well with the time I have. But

it's been busier than I expected – we had five functions last weekend – and have nearly made back the money it cost us to buy the company. It turned out the lady who ran it before actually lives in a house the other side of our back garden. I think it was just meant to be.

"Vintage is so popular – the mismatched and pick-and-mix china looks so pretty, you really can't go wrong; we get booked for weddings, hen dos, tea parties and even funerals. I love cooking and hope, one day, to actually make and supply the afternoon tea to accompany the china, but that will have to wait until the children are older."

Tonie offers a wash-up service too, which is proving popular – but the delicacy of the crockery means everything has to be hand-washed with care: "I can't use a dishwasher, so it takes quite a long time."

But it's all worth it. Drinking tea from a proper (and pretty) china cup does add to the experience: "It definitely tastes better," says Tonie. "So does Pimm's. I have started making Pimm's in a teapot and serving it in a china cup and it looks and tastes delicious."





See myprettyteaparty.co.uk. My Pretty Tea Party will be at the September Wedding Fair at Cambridge Quay Mill Hotel & Spa.

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KIM, 32yrs, attractive blonde lady seeks discreet gent for daytime distractions. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3004 Box 421657

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CAROLINE, slim attractive 40's fit female, OHAC, divorced and ready to be romanced again, seeks similar minded male. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423301

KERRY, 35yrs, married in open relationship, attractive, tall, slim and very presentable. Seeks discreet gent any age for casual pleasurable encounters. Tel: 0906 515 3040 Box 422363

CAROL, 38, slim gorgeous brunette with lots of interests looking to put some romance back into life, seeking willing male to spoil rotten and love. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423439

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715

FELICITY, well educated, sophisticated lady, 38yrs, unhappily married and looking for a distraction with a man 30+, must be discreet. Text Only Box: 4023417

BLACK, attractive cultured lady seeks white gentleman, age 40-60 for friendship first perhaps LTR later. Text only Mailbox: 5511784

LAURA, single mum, 29yrs, blue eyed blonde, fair skinned, pretty. Lonely and seeking adult company when the kids are in bed! ACA. Text Only Box: 4161735

JANE, very attractive blonde, own house in lovely village, car etc, loves travel to sunny places, entertaining, exercise WLTW male with similar interests. Text only Mailbox: 5430085

ATTRACTIVE energetic mature lady, looking for well-travelled, solvent companion for holidays, dining out and days away. Text only Mailbox: 5502846

SHEILA, beautiful lady, the colour of the sun, I am brown, I am looking for somebody caring, honest, loving, solvent, somebody who wants a serious relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422689

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55 year old female looking for friendship, meals out, coffee, chats, work part time and career for parent. Text only Mailbox: 5517508

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3020 Box 421375

CATHY attractive 35yr singleton, varied interests, looking for trustworthy male for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423231

LORRAINE attractive solvent brunette, 34yrs, own house/car with gent any age, looks unimportant but must have GSOH. ACA. Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 422415

I am a white caring lady, a young 55, seeking a caring black man for meals out, pubs, walking out, or just cosy nights in. Text only Mailbox: 5518879

SABINA, 35, outgoing attractive brunette, fit and carefree just looking for fun times without complications, maybe more later. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423003

KATHY 40ish, passionate, outgoing, adventurous red haired lady looking for adventure, seeks tall good looking guy for a relaxed no strings relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423005

BROWN eyed brummie female 65 smoker likes music, cinema, theatre, meals out, WLTW male 66 - 73 for LTR. Text only Mailbox: 5501142

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CAROL, 44, brunette with plenty of spare time on her hands seeks special mature male for fun times together. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423057

JULIE, petite, slim, attractive blonde young looking early 40's, enjoys winning, dining, theatre seeking good looking romantic male, 45-55, for mutual spoiling. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422709

TINA, 43, young looking attractive single female looking for love, with similar lonely heart resorting to advertising in the hope of finding love. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421613

ANNE, 40, pretty professional fun female with great curves, looking for fun and romance with down to earth male looking for similar. Any age/status. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422711

CILLA, 40, tall blue eyed size 12 brunette, loves horses, country/beach walks, cosy nights in front of fire, good wine/food, WLTW similar male who appreciates my interests. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422009

NICOLA 32yr old slim sexy single mum looking for fun times maybe more with similar open-minded uncomplicated companion. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422487



male seeking

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MALE wishes to meet female, early to late 50s for nights in and nights out. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

WILLIAM, 65 and young looking, fit and active, WLTW a slim, attractive Chinese/Asian lady, 35-50, for LTR and more. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 423041

TALL attractive male, 56, looking to meet a mature woman, size 18 plus, any age, for close fun times. Text only Mailbox: 5410860

ROGER young minded, 67, very adventurous, looking for a lady 40 years old upwards who is smart and would like to enjoy times with me. Text only Mailbox: 5350823

IAN, 56, kind hearted, likes anything in life, WLTW female early to late 50s. Text only Mailbox: 4371824

TALL male 31, black hair, blue eyes, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 304387

BEN, kind caring gent, 37yrs, very tall and well built with curly black hair. Own home, good job, just missing a special lady. Text Only Box: 4158248

RETIRED widower, 5'7", slim salt/pepper hair, quite active, interests vary, loyal, trustworthy, reliable, seeks mature lady for friendship. Text only Mailbox: 4906469

RYAN, spontaneous, GSOH, tactile seeks pretty lady friend/LTR. Cambs area. Text only Mailbox: 4886067

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ALISON, lonely shy blue eyed blonde, 46, just wanting to be loved, looking for caring man to pamper in return for mutual TLC. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422859

EMALE, 33, blue eyes, long blonde hair, pretty, slim, looking for Asian man to have some discreet no strings fun with. Text only Mailbox: 5495296

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Combined: 56.5mpg
Insurance: Group 3
CO2 emissions: 115g/km
BIK rating: 20%
Warranty: 5yrs/100,000 miles



FLICKING around the internet for a new car it's easy to start day dreaming about the set of wheels you'd like parked outside the house for the next year or two.

Easy to fancy a Ferrari, for instance. Red, probably and with the optional gold rims and leather wheel arches (inside, of course). A yellow rev counter would be nice, too.

Then you come down to earth and remember the budget: modest. And what you'll be doing with the car; taking the kids to school, the family to the supermarket and dad to the station.

So a Ferrari doesn't really fit the bill. The car you see here, on the other hand, might do just that.

The Rio is one step up in the Kia range and built to take on the likes of the Ford Fiesta and Renault Clio.

Built in the Kia homeland of Korea, the Rio starts at £10,095 for a car with a 1.25-litre petrol engine and climbs to the rarefied heights of £17,445 for a bells-and-whistles model with a 1.4-litre diesel on board.

Hardly anyone will go for the latter model – you're well into the territory of the next size of car at this price level – but the more modest petrol burner, also fitted to the test car, will attract lots of attention.

Not for its Ferrari-like performance (by some way) or for its leech-like hold on the road (it's perfectly safe but some distance from fun) but for the way it would rapidly become the household transport equivalent of the washing machine or vacuum cleaner.

Lots (too many?) reports you read on cars start and end with the fun you're going to have if you buy one (that Ferrari again) but most of us don't inhabit a world of wall to

wall transport delight.

Rather, we're happy with a car that promises modestly and then more than delivers. Like the Kia Rio.

This latest version may have had a nip and tuck at the stylist's – new bumpers front and rear, new trim and dashboard treatment inside – but it's never going to be anything more than a compact five-door hatch with family duties in mind. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Nothing munch wrong with the way the car moves either; you'll need to change gear rather a lot when uphill slopes appear and the road roars away beneath the tyres on coarse surfaces, but 50.4mpg on the trip computer promises an economical life with the Rio.

So does the seven years or 100,000 miles warranty on non-wear-and-tear-items, an insurance class only three rungs above the cheapest out there and nothing to pay on car tax in year one and a mere £30 thereafter.

There's room in the rear for a couple of growing children (three at a pinch) and the boot is big enough for most practical purposes. Bigger than a Ferrari's for sure. There's even a proper temporary spare wheel, replacing the tyre repair kit on previous Rios that might leave you stranded in deepest Spain on a wet Sunday evening.

Then we come to fixtures and fittings. Every Rio has a DAB radio, electrically heated and adjusted door mirrors, while the '2' grade on test adds electric windows all round, air conditioning and alloy wheels.

So, nothing to get excited about, but sometimes steady faithfulness will do just fine.

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University awarded 'Go Ultra Low' status for EVs

THE first 65 Go Ultra Low Companies include a mix of public and private sector fleets, spanning the length and breadth of the UK. The University of Cambridge is one of five British universities signed up to the scheme – with its nine EVs currently representing a 9 per cent share of its total fleet. The world-renowned academic institution aims to increase this share to 20 per cent before the end of the decade.

The 'Go Ultra Low Company' status was launched in May 2016, with Transport for London, University of Cambridge, Britvic and POD Point among those signing up to the new 'green standard' for business motoring.

The Go Ultra Low Companies initiative has been endorsed by government and the automotive industry, and recognises organisations leading the electric motoring revolution by using electric vehicles (EVs), and pledging to buy even more.

Transport Minister John Hayes said: "It is fantastic that so many companies are leading by example and adding electric vehicles to their fleets, and we want more to follow suit. These companies will benefit from the fuel and tax savings electric vehicles offer, as well as helping to protect the environment."

"The government is determined to make zero-emission vehicles the best choice for everyone, which is why we have pledged £600 million to support uptake of greener vehicles and work towards making nearly every new car and van in the UK zero emission by 2050."

Poppy Welch, Head of Go Ultra Low, said: "The response to the Go Ultra Low Companies scheme has been excellent, from both the private and public sectors – ranging from small businesses to an 800-year-old university. This eclectic mix of Go Ultra Low Companies is setting an example for the rest of the UK. With more and more electric vehicles now available, we encourage every organisation and fleet to consider switching to electric."

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Wheels

ROAD TEST

Mitsubishi Outlander diesel



MITSUBISHI has good reason to feel confident the latest version of its Outlander 4x4 will prove a massive hit.

The Japanese brand has sold more than a million of the mid-size SUVs since the original's launch back in 2001.

And while the PHEV – Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle – variant that dominates the UK plug-in scene continues to scoop countless awards, the diesel version has been making waves of its own.

Freshly updated both inside and out, the new Outlander is up for grabs with five or seven seats and vies for sales with the likes of the Land Rover Discovery Sport, Honda CR-V, Nissan X-Trail and Hyundai Santa Fe.

Operating in such a competitive arena demands the highest of standards and the Mitsubishi really looks and feels the business.

Fit, finish and sound insulation is top notch, there's some lovely soft leather in higher spec cars like the tested GX4 model, better software, fewer buttons, decent interior space and a large boot.

Add to that some genuine exterior design flair plus smart touches like seats that stay cool in summer and reflect UV rays to keep warm in winter and a set-up that prevents accidental acceleration from a stationary position and you have a car pretty much without compromise.

The latest Outlander also benefits from 40 changes aimed at reducing noise, vibration and harshness compared to the previous version.

If you're one of those people who can't get their head round plug-in hybrid the diesel, with its 2.2-litre 148bhp engine, makes a lot of sense.

It may not cruise silently through the streets like its stablemate but it's smooth,

strong and can return decent economy – on faster roads at least.

Head off-road and its 4WD system easily copes with muddy track, waterlogged fields and rocky surfaces in general.

Space is plentiful for five and while the two third row seats are individual they're realistically only for kids – and having them in place severely restricts luggage capacity.

Otherwise you get a terrific load area which can accommodate a couple of mountain bikes if you fold down the second and third row seats.

Stowage is ample, the likes of door bins with bottle holders, deep central box, glovebox, four cupholders and a small container in each door.

All four of the trim grades are well specced up and include an auto-dimming rear-view mirror, dual-zone climate control and LED daytime running lights.

Go for GX3 or 4 and you get silver roof rails, 18-inch alloy wheels, leather upholstery, a heated and electric driver's seat, LED headlights, sat-nav, rear-view camera and an electric sunroof.

factfile

Mitsubishi Outlander 2.2 DI-D GX4

auto: From £33,134

Engine: 148bhp, 2,268cc four-cylinder diesel

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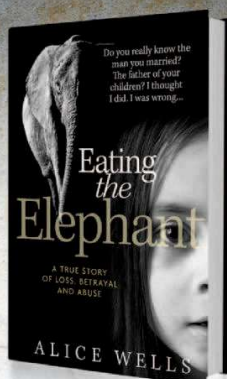
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(TEMPORARY 40MPH SPEED LIMIT)
ORDER 2016/361**

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The Order will be effective, for safety purposes, when signs are in place indicating the speed limit along the whole or any part of the above mentioned length of road whilst works are in progress or temporarily suspended.

The proposed Order is necessary to facilitate underpass development works which are being carried out on or near this highway and it will come into operation on 1 September 2016 and continue until these works have finished or on the 28 February 2017 whichever is the earlier.

It is anticipated that these works will be carried out between 1 September 2016 and 28 February 2017.

**Lynn Road (A10), Littleport
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
ORDER 2016/376**

Is to stop any vehicle from proceeding along Lynn Road (A10), Littleport as lies between the A10 roundabout and the county boarder with Norfolk.

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ORDER 2016/388**

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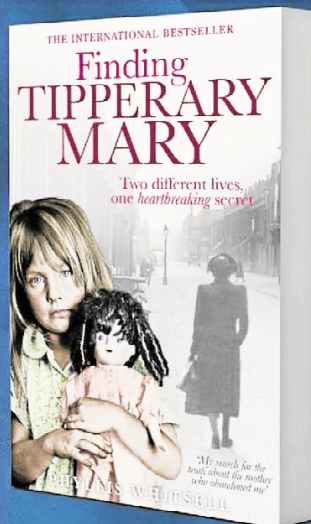
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WAKEBOARDING

MOTORSPORT



FLY GUY: Men's rookie winner Guy Tilling

Owen is Pick of the bunch as Wakeboard Tour hits Stretham

WINTER Paralympic hopeful Owen Pick took a break from the slopes to take victory in the latest round of the Wakeboard Grass Roots Tour at Stretham.

The Mildenhall para-snowboarder, who aims to compete in the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, took to the water to win the men's open division in the event at Hannam's Wake Hub.

Zac Charalambous had to settle for runners-up spot in the category with Steve Lilly third.

But there were competitions for all levels of experience, with Littleport wakeboarder Jason Constable clinching the men's

intermediate section.

The men's rookie class was won by Guy Tilling of Norwich, while the women's equivalent was taken by Jody Taylor.

Eight-year-old Zoe Wilson, from King's Lynn, triumphed in the junior rookie category.

Jess Hannam, of Hannam's Wake Hub, was pleased with how the event had gone.

She said: "Local riders and regulars from Hannam's Wake Hub represented the area well in all categories."

"The sunny day ended with the men's open division with the riders pulling off some amazing high-flying tricks to entertain the crowds."

GOOD EFFORT: Lauren Overy with her car during the parade before the world final



MECHANICAL problems put an end to a dream finish to the season for Soham racer Lauren Overy at the 1300cc Stock Car World Final at the Adrian Flux Arena, King's Lynn.

The final had a typically tough beginning, yet while many experienced drivers struggled to keep their composure, Overy speedily negotiated the chaos in the packed 42-car race.

Overy started from 10th on the grid, but progressed nicely to fifth place. The 17-year-old driver was challenging for a place on the podium when her car suffered problems with the non-return valve, which is fitted

Mechanical problems end Overy's hopes of success

to ensure that petrol cannot enter the car in the event of a rollover.

The valve became blocked, starving the car of fuel and forcing Overy to retire from the race.

Overy's team sorted the problem out in time for the second All Comers race where she produced another great drive to come from the back of the grid to finish seventh.

Overy is back in action in Coventry this weekend, while Mid-Anglia drivers Ryan Santry, from Cambridge, and Carl Waterfield, from Ely, will race in the 21 stock car class in King's Lynn.

In the 21 Bangers class, Ben Mynott and Paul Sweet, both from Cambridge, and Saffron Walden's Lee White will be racing.

BOXING

Gill playing role in Brook title bid

IF Kell Brook can overcome Gennady Golovkin in their world middleweight title super-fight next month, Paul Gill can claim to have played a small part in the success.

IBF welterweight champion Brook is stepping up two weight divisions to challenge the unbeaten Golovkin – rated the best pound-for-pound boxer in the world – for his WBC, IBF and IBO belts at London's O2 Arena on September 10.

But Chatteris-based coach Gill has just returned from Brook's training camp in Fuerteventura after being invited to help the undefeated Sheffield puncher in his quest for glory.

Brook trains at the renowned Ingle Gym in his home city and Gill has built strong links with the gym over the last 18 years.

Gill joined Ingle head coach Dominic Ingle, a strength and conditioning coach, a nutritionist and six of the gym's boxers, including his son Jordan, at the camp.



BROOK BOND: Paul Gill (right) works on the pads with Kell Brook

He said: "It was intensive training – wake, train, eat, rest, train, eat, sleep, repeat, with a variety of sessions such as sparring, strength and conditioning, pad work, track

runs to name a few.

"The experience of being with world-class professional boxers, all unique, self-motivated and hard-working, was inspiring."

ROLLER SKATING



TALENTED: Members of Ely Roller Skating Club

Ely roller skaters celebrate impressive haul of medals

IT has been a good summer for Ely Roller Skating Club, with the team picking up 14 medals.

Annie Bowen, from Littleport, won gold at the British Championships dance competition, and she followed it up by winning gold in both figures and free skating at a competition at the University of East Anglia sportspark.

Chloe Figgins won bronze in the figure competition at the same event, while Carmen Peppercorn, from Cambridge, won bronze in the free skating.

Sophie Woodbridge, from Ely, took

silver in the junior Ladies' Figures British Championships, and the club won further medals in the Kent Artistic Roller Dance competition.

Red Lodge's Charlotte Bloomfield took gold in the ladies' solo dance category, with Richard Culpin also taking silver in the men's seventh.

Southery's Maddison Bourn and Littleport's Abby Trense claimed silver in the duo dance, while Haddenham's Bethany Wakefield and Ely's Chloe Moore won bronze.

Bourn and Trense both won gold in their freestyle elements, with Linyah Jackson winning silver.

ON THE BALL: Salim Relizani goes on the attack for Soham against Witham



Rangers beaten at home by Cheshunt

SOHAM Town Rangers suffered a disappointing 4-0 defeat at home to Cheshunt in the Ryman League, North Division.

Tuesday night's match saw the visitors take the lead in first-half stoppage time, and they doubled their lead 10 minutes into the second half.

A third goal followed with just over 25 minutes left, and Soham's misery was compounded in stoppage time when Cheshunt scored their fourth goal.

Rangers had to be content with a point in their opening match of the season on Saturday following a goalless draw at home to Witham.

The Greens had plenty of possession but lacked a killer instinct as they struggled to create many clear chances.

Joint-manager Dave Theobald was disappointed Rangers did not get the win,

but was pleased to come away with something to build on.

"It's points on the board at home, and a clean sheet at home," he said.

"It's not all doom and gloom. We're feeling quite positive about it."

Soham dominated the first half against Witham but when they came out after half time they lacked urgency.

Witham had two penalty claims waved away, one for handball by Ashley White, and one when Kieran Bailey challenged a Witham player for the ball.

"It would have been very harsh if either of those had been given," said Theobald.

Soham sparked into life in the last 10 minutes and almost took victory when Ross Paterson fizzed in a cross that Lloyd Groves could only knock over the bar when he stretched for the ball.

Robins downed by late winner at Wanderers

ELY City succumbed to a 2-1 loss at Ipswich Wanderers in the Thurlo Nunn League, Premier Division.

Manager Brady Stone made one change to the team that lost to Deeping Rangers the previous week, handing Joe Peacock his first start.

And it was Peacock who had the Robins' best chance in the early stages of Saturday's match, finishing tamely when well placed.

But in taking a shot he aggravated his ankle injury and had to be replaced early on by Mason Newman.

The hosts began to get into the game, and they took the lead in the 20th minute.

An Ipswich corner was not cleared,



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and the ball fell to a player outside the area who had the time and accuracy to fire past Harry Reynolds.

Wanderers continued to dominate possession after the goal, although Ely had another good chance before half time when James Seymour blasted over when he should have at least hit the target.

Ely started the second half strongly, and they drew level just six minutes after the restart.

Seymour was fouled in Ipswich territory, and Jamie Alsop

swung in a free kick that Matty Simpson knocked goalwards.

The ball spun off an Ipswich defender and drifted into the net, catching out the Wanderers keeper, who had expected it to go out for a corner.

Seymour and Simpson headed over as Ely chased a winner, with Stone's players beginning to take complete control.

But to the visitors' dismay, the home side grabbed an unlikely winner three minutes from time.

A through ball down the Wanderers' right side found a team-mate and he was able to squeeze the ball past the advancing Reynolds for a late winner.



CLOSE ATTENTION: Action from Ely City's loss to Ipswich Wanderers